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DPS mix-up lands student in jail

By CHARLES BEATLEY/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

You have a fake identification card confiscated. A year and a half later you receive a letter saying your license will be revoked.

Southwestern sophomore Leonard Seibold received such a letter earlier this semester.

Seibold had a fake ID confiscated at the beginning of the 1999 fall semester.

"It was a stupid mistake, I was young. It was just

something to do," Seibold admitted.

A year and a half after the fake ID was confiscated, Seibold received an Order of Revocation from the Department of Public Safety in the mail the day before New Year's.

"I didn't know what it was about," Seibold said.

"The letter said my license would be revoked as of Jan. 29 and that I could get a new license two months later. On

the next business day, I called the DPS, and I was told it was about the fake ID confiscated from me over a year ago.

"The DPS connected me to a highway patrolman. The officer told me because the fake ID had to be turned into them within a year of it being confiscated, that the order of revocation was invalid.

"I made a trip to the DPS in Oklahoma City the next day and visited with the officer I had spoke to on the phone

with. He told me he would have his secretary put a Set Aside Order on my record, which would null the Order of Revocation. He said I could go ahead and get a new driver's license while I was there."

Seibold went home assuming the situation had been taken care of and over.

"Twenty-six days later, on Jan. 29, I was out getting cold medicine and was pulled over by the Weatherford Police at

"I went to the attorney's office and he recognized me as the kid who got locked up by mistake."
LEONARD SEIBOLD

approximately 12:52 a.m. I pulled over quickly to the side of the road between Caddo and Bradley streets. I had rolled a stop sign," Seibold said.

"The officer asked me if I
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Student achieves rodeo royalty

By SARAH BRUMLEY/STAFF REPORTER

The lifestyle of Lacy Dale Cully has changed dramatically since being crowned Miss Rodeo Oklahoma. The Southwestern junior won the honor last November.

"It's an emotional and exhausting but a fun and memorable experience. The biggest learning experience

so far is I have to accept the fact that my life will not be as organized as I want it to be. I have to be spontaneous," Cully said.

Cully held a coronation ball in February at the Cowboy Hall of Fame to help raise money for the upcoming year. Miss Rodeo Oklahoma is not a paid position. She is responsible for all her expenses, but that was only part of the motivation for the ball.

"There were two reasons why I had such a large coronation ball. One was to raise money for my traveling, wardrobe and contest fees for the year. The other was to create an awareness throughout the state and corporations as to how important my role is to promote Oklahoma and our western heritage."

One of her expenses is her wardrobe. A queen needs about 30 outfits a week. Everything is made of leather, rhinestones, Wranglers and handmade hats and boots.

"Everything has to be the

top quality. On average, each outfit costs around \$1,000," Cully said.

"I think of Miss Rodeo Oklahoma as a job. It's a public relations job. I am honored to wear this crown and to have this responsibility, but I still put my pants on one leg at a time. I don't think myself better than anyone else. I do take this seriously, but I'm not on a pedestal. My job is to promote western life. It's not glitzy and glamorous like everyone thinks," Cully said.

Cully turned to competing in pageants instead of rodeo because she is pursuing a career in rodeo media. Cully is a mass communications major at Southwestern, although she is taking a year off to fulfill her Miss Rodeo duties.

"My main job is behind the scenes as a go-between for the cowboys. By being on this end of the interview now, I'll know what it's like for when I'm on the other side," she said.

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Handicap parking is not for everyone

By SHARRA HARDY/NEWS EDITOR

Class starts in five minutes, the parking lot is filled with hungry scavengers hunting parking places and there are no free parking spots available except the handicap parking place. First thought is to park there because no one else has parked there and today class is going to get out early.

The parking lot across the street has parking spaces but

the walk in the cold, crisp air is grueling. So, why not park in the handicap spot?

Here's why. These parking spots are needed for people who cannot walk long distances due to some type of disability or physical handicap.

Don Groth, chief of campus police, said that parking in a handicap spot even if it's for five minutes is against the law and university policy.

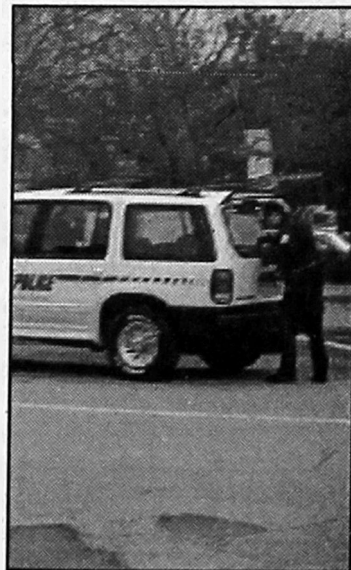
"Most students think that it's OK to park in a handicap spot for a few minutes but this assumption is wrong," Groth said. "This is a big problem because in the few minutes that you are parked there, you have denied the right of someone who really needs that spot."

Groth also said that there is a lot of confusion because some disabilities are not obvious in appearance. But

people do not have the right to ask, he said.

Trish Ferguson, freshman psychology major from Weatherford, looks like a healthy individual with no obvious disabilities. In reality, Ferguson has osteo-arthritis that is conjunctive with fibro minalga and Lupus.

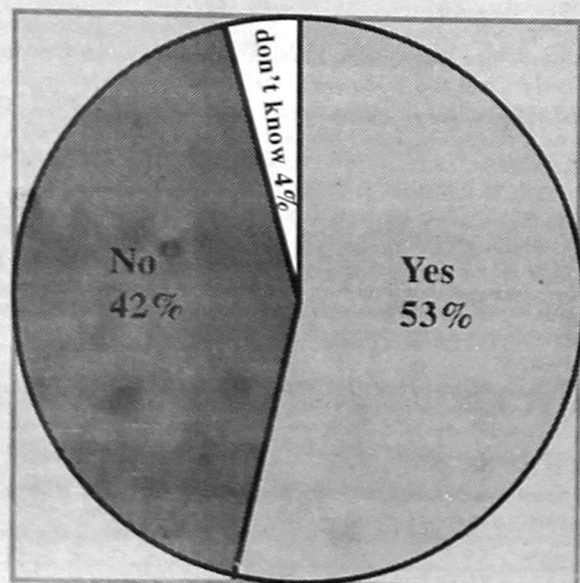
"It is really hard for me to move around sometimes and sometimes my body does not
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Do you think Creationism should be taught in school?

Yes 53%, No 42%, I don't know 4%

Source: www.freepolls.com



Times, they are a changin' for graduation

By KATHY BRAUCHI/NEWS EDITOR

Graduation is approaching and over 800 seniors will say goodbye to Southwestern.

With the retirement of President Joe Anna Hibler, questions have been raised wondering if the focus of the graduation ceremony will be her retirement or student accomplishments. Dr. Dan Dill, associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of graduate school, said the focus will be on the seniors.

"We believe the focus should always be on the graduates," Dill said.

He said President Hibler will make a goodbye speech,

but it will only last two minutes. In the past, guest speakers have been a part of graduation, but last year Southwestern tried having the ceremony without a guest speaker.

"Without the guest speaker, we can slow down the presentation of degrees," Dill said. "This gives the students more time on the stage."

Dill also said that in the past, with the guest speaker, students were rushed across the stage to save time. With no guest speaker, it adds a few seconds for the families of the graduates to

acknowledge the students' accomplishments.

As the graduates make their way across the stage, three items are announced: the name of the graduate, any honors the student has received, and the degree that the graduate is receiving.

Graduation is planned to take place at Milam Stadium (the Southwestern football field), but accommodations will be made if the weather doesn't permit an outdoor ceremony. If the weather is unsuitable, graduation will be held in the Southwestern basketball gym, and four ceremonies will be held. The

ceremonies will be divided by schools.

During bad weather in the past, graduation has been held in the Fine Arts Center at Southwestern, but the gym provides more seating and a more manageable crowd flow. The gym seats 2,000 people compared to 1,500 in the Fine Arts Center. The Fine Arts Center also creates a problem with people coming in and out of the doors at the same time, and the gym allows less crowd congestion. Also, in the event of rain, the gym has a covered area outside, which provides
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Professors deal with cell phones

By MORETA CRADDOCK/STAFF REPORTER

Cell phone usage in the classroom and the computer lab is not a problem, according to faculty, staff and students. Students and teachers alike think most people are respectful of their peers in the classroom and lab.

"I forget my cell phone is on," said Dr. David Lawrence, mathematics professor.

Lawrence downplays the interruption by acting like he is answering a phone, saying hello, and laughing about it.

Students also forget they are on and are embarrassed when their cell phone rings in class, Lawrence said. Most students leave class to answer the call.

Last year, Lawrence had about one cell phone ring each semester. He has heard a few more this spring, but that is probably due to the increase in cell phone usage, Lawrence said.

Peggy Brittenham, freshman music and elementary education major

from Weatherford, was surprised recently when her cell phone rang during class.

"I forgot to put it on silent, or low beep," Brittenham said.

It turned out that the call was important, Brittenham said. She did not want to disrupt class so she went out in the hallway to take the call.

"I use my cell phone a lot, it is like a lifeline," Brittenham said.

Brittenham is always on the go, and she receives a lot of business calls she doesn't want to miss. It is a convenience for her.

Safety is an issue as well, Brittenham said. She can call her husband if she is ill, needs

help or gets out of class early. Even though she feels safer and likes carrying a cell phone, she can live without it.

According to Brian Adler, director of public

information, Southwestern does not have a policy on cell phone usage on campus. Adler said it is left up to each faculty member to set his or her own policy.

Mark Engelman, director of information and technical services, said there is not an official policy for the computer lab. Engelman has had no complaints or issues, so it hasn't been a problem. One computer lab worker doesn't see a problem, either. "Cell phones ring about once every other hour in the computer lab," Kevin Brown said.

Brown, a sophomore computer science major from Lawton, said the students are not very loud. He also said most students are courteous and take the call outside. If they don't, he usually stares them down or tells them to go out in the hall.

Brown isn't bothered by cell phones in class, either.

He hears about one cell phone a semester ring in his classes.

"As long as the teacher doesn't care, I don't care," Brown said.

Elizabeth Driver, junior mass communications major from Elk City, has heard cell phones ring in some of her classes.

"I felt sorrier for them, than I did me. Their face got red and they turned it off," said Driver, who has a cell phone but leaves it in her car.

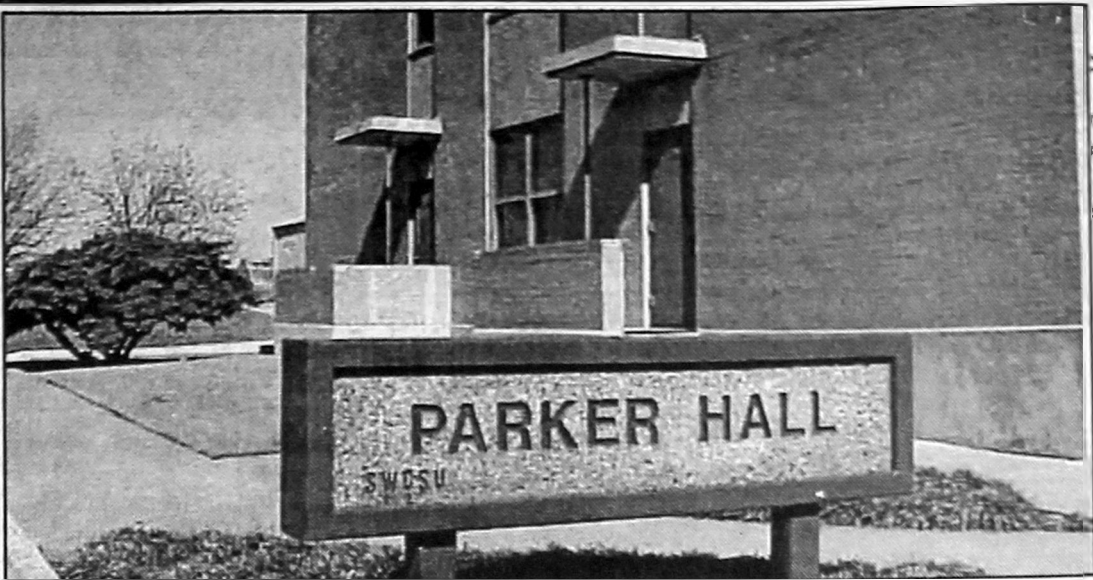


PHOTO BY CHAD MARTINI

What will become of Parker Hall?

By CHAD MARTINI/STAFF REPORTER

Parker Hall still stands empty years after it was temporarily closed. Low attendance on campus required the University to cut costs and Parker Hall was therefore closed.

Built in 1962 and named after the famous Indian chief Quana Parker, the hall has housed many residents until its closing in Spring 1997. The closing of Parker came as a surprise to many residents living there that semester and did not go over very smoothly.

Four straight issues of The Southwestern were filled with news and letters about the situation.

"They're not going to shut

us down without a fight," said Parker resident James Branum.

Despite protests from students and promises from the administration to keep Parker open, the doors closed for good.

Parker residents were then forced to move into Rogers Hall, formerly a female residence hall.

Many rumors have circulated over the years as to what may become of Parker Hall.

Due to the amount of renovations that would have to be done to bring Parker back and the cost associated with those repairs, it's doubtful students will ever reside there again, said Marvin Schoenecke,

housing director.

Schoenecke pointed to studies that have been used to decide if the student population could support the reopening of Parker Hall. Those studies have shown a steady decline of enrollment for universities in western Oklahoma.

According to Schoenecke, the rumors that Parker may one day become something such as a wellness center, apartments, daycare center, married housing and even a juvenile center are just that—rumors.

The only thing that is for sure is that the building will continue to stand and rot until it is put out of its misery and eventually leveled.

"Cully" from page 1

Throughout the year, Cully will travel to rodeos across the country before competing in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.

"First and foremost, my responsibility is to my state and the state rodeos."

Although traveling alone sounds lonely, Cully has other ideas about the time on the road.

"A single girl on the road by herself is an adventure. I will grow stronger and more mature. There will be good things and bad things happen when I travel, but it's all part of the experience," Cully said.

In December, Cully will represent Oklahoma at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"I will give 150 percent in preparing and competing for Miss Rodeo America as Miss Rodeo Oklahoma. As a queen, you have to know everything about ranching, the beef industry and rodeo. I will

spend the entire year studying," said Cully.

Cully plans to return to Southwestern and finish her degree after completing her reign as Miss Rodeo Oklahoma. If she wins Miss Rodeo America, then she will wait another year.

"I am strong in my faith. If it's God's plan that I win Miss Rodeo America, I will feel truly honored. But if it's not God's plan, then He has someone better for the job and other plans for my life. I will be truly happy with whatever the outcome," Cully said.

Lacey Dale Cully has been around rodeo her entire life. She credits her participation in rodeo to her little brother, who inspired her to get involved. In grade school, she began to compete in rodeo and show horses.

In 1996, Cully won the Kansas High School Rodeo Queen title. She won Miss Rodeo Ponca City and the first Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Teen crown in 1998. Now, Cully is the reigning Miss Rodeo Woodward and Miss

Rodeo Oklahoma.

The categories of competition for Miss Rodeo Oklahoma are: personality, appearance, horsemanship, speech, modeling, impromptu and interview.

"It's just the same as Miss Oklahoma, just in another realm. Instead of talent, we have horsemanship," Cully said.

The horses are provided for the competition. The contestants don't know which horse they will get and don't get time to practice. The contestants execute reigning patterns, carry flags and run stock out of the arena.

Cully won the horsemanship competition.

"To win the horsemanship portion is the top honor. It shows a cowgirl's true ability. That, in itself, was a goal of mine, whether I won the pageant or not," Cully said.

Although Cully has only been Miss Rodeo Oklahoma since November, she already has a lot to be grateful for. Some people who have helped her out are:

Kelly Jeweler, official jeweler; Broadway Lights, hair care products; Red's; Mark Gregory, official spur maker; Janet McCoy, official photographer; The Dusty Rose, massages; and Mock Brothers of Tulsa, official chaps provider.

She especially has fond memories of her coronation ball.

"Some members of the Southwestern Rodeo Team volunteered to put themselves up for a date auction to help raise money at the ball. They put themselves in an embarrassing position to help support me. It means the world to me that Southwestern and the Southwestern Rodeo Team support me.

"The support of my friends and family is amazing. I'd never pull it off without them. I am so blessed with this opportunity I want to take advantage of each and every moment: the happy, the sad, the good and the bad."

"Seibold" from page 1

was aware that I had just run a stop sign. I said that I wasn't thinking and apologized. I gave him my driver's license and insurance."

He took them back to his car.

"Fifteen minutes later, the officer returned and asked me to step out of my truck. I complied and asked 'What's the problem?' At that time two other officers arrived.

"One officer told me that my license had shown to be revoked and that they were going to have to place me under arrest. I quickly told them that there must be some mistake that my license was valid. They said they had run it several times and it showed to be invalid."

Seibold pleaded with the officers that it was a mistake, but the police had to act on the action at that time.

"We are told things when we make stops all the time," said Bryon Cox, a Weatherford police officer. "If someone is driving under suspension, we are to take action then. Time prohibits us from verifying stories.

"We are sorry that it happened, but the DPS failed to remove the flag from his license. It was an unfortunate deal, something like this rarely happens, but he has no record now."

Seibold was then taken to the police department where he was booked and put in jail.

"They told me I could call someone to come post bond for me," Seibold said.

The holding cell only has a collect pay phone, so Seibold had to call collect.

"I called my brother, who lives in Weatherford first, but his line was busy. So I then called my parents in Lawton. My parents eventually got through to my brother. I told him that it was all a mistake, so he offered to pay the \$125 bond, which I paid him back.

The next day, Seibold called the officer at DPS.

"I told him what had happened the night before. He verified that my order of revocation was set aside and should have never gone into effect. My file was valid," Seibold said.

Seibold went to the court clerk's office and showed his Set Aside Order. The clerk said the Set Aside Order was on his file, but his license still showed to be flagged.

"She called the DPS and they told her that my license was valid. The clerk then told me it was a computer error and the flagged was forgotten to be removed," Seibold said.

Seibold was told he would have to go to court and let a judge decide whether or not to drop the charges and reimburse him for his bond and impound fee.

"The clerk left a message on my answer machine saying the city attorney declined all charges so I wouldn't have to go to court and that I would get my money back.

"I went to the attorney's office and he recognized me as the kid

who got locked up by mistake. He said that all of the charges would not show up on my record. He said the arrest would have to be expunged and he thought he could do that.

"I asked him if he would have the *Weatherford Daily News* run a retraction in the paper saying that my arrest was a mistake, after I appeared in the public records. He asked me if I really wanted to do that or 'just let a dead dog lie.' I insisted that I wanted a retraction," Seibold said.

"I told him I would give the info to the Weatherford Daily News, but the paper is the one that decides if they want to run it or not," John Arney, the city's attorney, said.

"I encouraged him to leave it alone, but he said he still wants it, so I am going to do it."

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people with a place to stand as they are waiting to enter the building, and the Fine Arts Center doesn't provide this.

If graduation is held indoors, seating may be an issue. The football field allows open attendance, but seating will be limited indoors. If graduation is indoors, each graduate will be issued six tickets for guests.

"This assures the graduates that six people will be guaranteed admittance," Dill said.

Dill also said, in the case of bad weather, that 15 minutes prior to the ceremony no tickets will be given out, and open admittance will be allowed until seating is unavailable.

Dill said the decision to plan for bad weather is made at 8 the morning before graduation. This gives everyone who wishes to attend the ceremony plenty of time to prepare for the situation.

The student union will be open the morning of graduation for the reception. If bad weather occurs, it will be stay open and give people a place to congregate.

Although bad weather is always taken into consideration when planning the graduation, it is rarely a problem.

"I think we've only been required to have graduation indoors three or four times in the 30 years that I've been here," Dill said. "The weather has blessed us."

There will be a change in the time of this year's ceremony. Graduation will begin at 10 in the morning instead of 11.

Dill said that each year's suggestions are taken from participants in graduation about possible changes in the ceremony. After last year's graduation, the time change was a suggestion.

Graduation at Southwestern will begin at 10 a.m. May 12 at Milam Stadium if weather permits.

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Bulldog Bullets



American Association of University Women bring Cathy Keating to Southwestern

Cathy Keating will be the featured speaker at the American Association of University Women's luncheon. It will be held in the Upper Lounge in the Student Union at noon on Thursday, March 1. Tickets are \$7 and available by calling 772-2248 or 772-2882.



Cathy Keating

SGA Blood Drive

Another successful blood drive took place on Feb. 12-13. One hundred ninety-seven people donated. The final blood drive for the semester is April 16-17.

Centennial Celebration Kickoff Plans continue to develop

On March 8, several activities will honor Southwestern's Centennial At 10a.m. there will be a reenactment of parade starting at Creager's Saloon to Southwestern campus. At 11 a.m., a campus-wide picture will be taken. The Alumni Centennial Plaza Dedication Ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. Barbecue on student union lawn at noon. From 2 to 4 p.m., there will be a Centennial book signing and the traveling exhibit will be in the Student Union ballroom.

Skatepark plans grinding along

By MARIA ARNEY/ STAFF REPORTER

It's almost time for everyone to grab their skateboards and head to the new skatepark at Rader Park. If all goes as planned and a few more donations are made, it could be as soon as this spring.

According to Micah and Carrie Melton, a couple who started the funding and meetings for the skatepark, a bid is being considered from an Ohio company that builds skateparks.

"Based on the donations we have received, which the City has agreed to match, we still need to raise \$6,000, depending on the materials," said Carrie Melton.

The Skatepark has received donations from the Weatherford Rotary Club, United Supermarket, BFW,

Dolese Concrete and Mike and Billy Karlin from Hydro, among others.

"The former mayor, Gary Rader, and the current mayor, Eddie Berrong, and the City of Weatherford have been extremely supportive," Melton said.

With all of this support, some are wondering when the work will actually start. As of now, the concrete will be poured in March and soon to follow will be the construction.

"I'm excited about the Skatepark because there are not a whole lot of places around town where I feel safe skating with the businesses and traffic," said Scott Mitchell, a sophomore majoring in pre-pharmacy from Weatherford. "It'll also be a good place to meditate



Weatherford resident practices an ollie board grab.

and let a lot of things go." The proposed plan for the skatepark includes a halfpipe and a funbox/pyramid. There are other ideas floating around, but more donations will have to be made before anything else is added. The company interested in building the Skatepark is busy throughout the summer, so

skatepark backers are hoping to have the money raised by April. Anyone interested in making a donation can go to Southwest National Bank and ask to make a donation for the Skatepark. There are also a few jars around town at restaurants and convenient stores.

Asteroid violated on Valentine's Day

By TARA MOU/ STAFF REPORTER

NASA's NEAR spacecraft has proven great things come in small packages.

Touching down on Feb. 12, the \$223 million Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous is the first man-made object to land on an interplanetary body. Because NEAR is also the first asteroid orbiter, the probe was not built for landing. Scientists and engineers made a "go-for-broke" decision in an attempt to touchdown on the rocky Eros to gain further information, and the mission proved successful.

"NEAR is science in the making and a huge breakthrough," said Southwestern astronomy and physics professor, Dr. Terry Goforth. "The whole event has been very exciting to watch." The landing illustrates how a tremendous amount of work can be accomplished with a very small, very cost-effective probe.

NEAR has already collected over 10 times more data than originally expected by NASA mission specialists. The car-sized probe began orbiting Eros on Feb. 14, 2000, completing one circuit every 10 days. However, NASA wasn't sure if orbiting was even possible due to Eros's irregular peanut-like shape.

"Most asteroids are round, so their gravitational pull is

consistent," Goforth said. "Eros was risky because of its high and low surfaces and strong and weak gravitational pulls."

According to Goforth, NASA chose Eros because of its relatively close distance—about 196 million miles from Earth. "Most asteroids orbit the sun in an asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter," said Dr. Goforth. "Only a few are found outside this orbit and near Earth."

With NEAR's images, scientists hope to better understand the chemical nature of asteroids in general. It has also been reported the footage will be used to develop new technologies to deflect potentially threatening asteroids away from Earth. The soft-landing has also stirred controversy among a group claiming it owns the giant rock. Orbital Development of San Diego is reportedly angry at NASA for invading on its private property. The group believes since there are no governing private property claims in outer space, the first claimant gets ownership of it. Supposedly, Orbital Development has owned the asteroid since March of last year.

Because of its remarkable success, NASA has announced it will fund a 10-day extension so the spacecraft can collect X-ray and gamma-ray data. A further extension is possible according to NEAR team leaders, and a link between Earth and NEAR may be maintained until the end of the month.

Bulldog Bucks



SWOSU Foundation Scholarships

Oklahoma residents as well as non-residents may complete the applications for Foundation Scholarships. You must attach your current academic transcript to the application and submit the form to the Foundation Office, which is located in the Administration Building, Room 203. The deadline is March 1, 2001.

Smart Start Education Awards

Smart Start is a new program of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and is designed to provide students with the opportunity to volunteer and earn an Education Award that can be applied to tuition and student loans. Two types of awards are available. One option is to serve 900 hours in one (calendar) year for which the Education Award is \$2,362.50. The other option is 425 hours over one calendar year for an award of \$1,181.25.

As a Smart Start member, you may be tutoring a student in a particular subject area, mentoring a young person or adult to encourage their successful college preparation, or any range of other activities that will help more students see college as an option and be better prepared to reach their goals of becoming college graduates. Applications and further information is available in the Americorps National Service packet available in the Office of Student Financial Services.

Snitch on a rat with the new silent witness protection program

By LINDSAY OAKES/ STAFF REPORTER

The department of public safety is offering a new way to find out more about campus crime, with the help of students and a web site.

The department has a new site on the Southwestern web page called the Silent Witness Protection program. It allows students who wish to remain anonymous to report crimes, according to Chief Don Groth, director of public safety.

Students do not have to witness the crime take place to fill out the form. If a student has any information that may lead to the crime or further information, he or she should fill out the form. The campus police welcomes any information provided about a crime.

All the information is confidential. Not even the police will know who is filling out the form, Groth said.

The Silent Witness Protection form is located on the Southwestern web page under public safety.

Campus crime has increased slightly over the past few years, Groth said. The campus crime statistics can also be found on the SWOSU web page.

In 1999-2000 there were seven burglaries, up from five in 1997-98. Also in 1999-2000 there were 30 larcenies reported, up from 20 in 1997-98. But, there were no drug violations, liquor law violations, or illegal weapons possessions, which all occurred in 1997-98 and 1996-97.

The campus police provides many services to the faculty and staff at Southwestern.

The campus police protect the campus, which consists of 73 acres and 40 buildings. They are responsible for approximately 5,000 students and 300 staff members.

The campus police are located across from Stewart Hall. Their office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Officers are on call 24 hours a day. For further information call 774-3111.

Southwestern's corner on scholarship

by Virgil Van Dusen, Department of Pharmacy

This week's column is based on projects submitted to the Office of Sponsored Programs. Administrators, faculty and students are encouraged to submit all scholarly activities to the OSP on the form available on the SWOSU web page.

John Hayden, social sciences, gave a presentation in Weatherford on James Baldwin's Go Tell It On The Mountain for "Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma."

Stephanie Brickman, education, organized and presented at the International

Education Summit which was held at the SWOSU Conference Center. The topic presented was entitled: "Bridging the Gap Between Multicultural Research and Practice."

Joe Nolan, education, gave a presentation at the Oklahoma Association of College Teacher Educators Annual Conference in Norman, Oklahoma. The presentation was entitled: "The Standards Controversy: Are We Testing Our Best Teacher Candidates Into the Ground?"

Michael Cassity, music, gave a presentation to the American Music Therapy Association in St. Louis, Missouri. The presentation was entitled: "Clinical Assessment Test Construction Techniques for Music Therapists."

Sylvia Esjornson, chemistry and physics, gave a presentation at the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The presentation was entitled: "Computer Skills for Students: Managing Technical

Information with the Desktop Workstation."

Richard Henriksen, education, gave a presentation at the Oklahoma Counseling Mid-Winter Conference in Edmond, Oklahoma. The presentation was entitled: "Eight Actions to Develop Culturally Competent Counselors."

Steve Pray and Virgil Van Dusen, pharmacy, published an article in Hospital Pharmacy entitled: "The Hospital Pharmacist as an Expert Witness."

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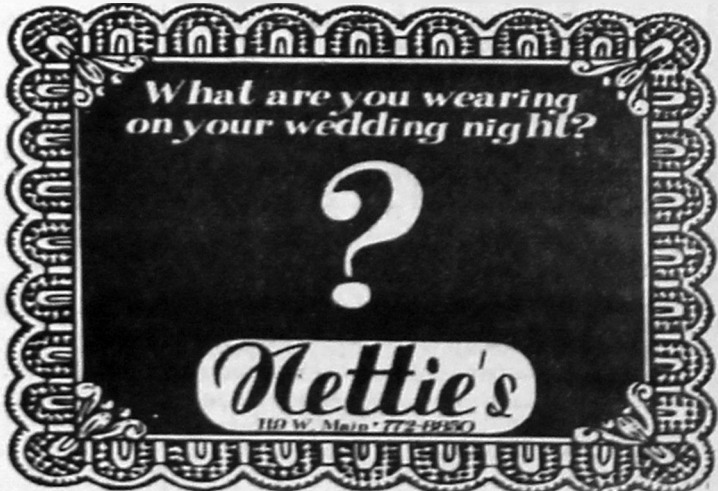
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Don't bother me, I'm talking

Undoubtedly, you have probably heard some experts say that talking on cell phones while driving makes one 4.3 times more likely to cause an accident. They even go on to say that it is as big a menace as driving drunk.

I regularly chat away into my navy blue Nokia 5160 while driving, and to date have been in only six accidents. Not surprisingly, were all the fault of the other drivers, who apparently didn't take the time to notice or care that I was taking an important business call, and would therefore require an extra effort on their part.

One such driver got all upset because he had to wait a few minutes to exchange insurance information while I finished up a conversation with my good friend and associate Andy. I don't mind telling you that I added another twenty minutes to his wait, as I took my sweet time asking Andy about his golf game.

Already, in some states, police have started ticketing drivers

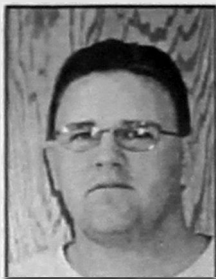
for talking on cell phones while driving. No doubt it will lead to dozens of others around the country. These laws will be based on the assumption that we can't manage to do two simple things, drive and talk at the same time.

Well, listen up. Not only have I mastered the drive/talk challenge, but I've also eaten a full course meal from Alfredos while driving, re-organized my 300 compact disc collection, clipped my finger and toe nails (which is no small feat), and once even took a refreshing twenty minute nap. And relatively few people got hurt.

When it comes right down to it, my real reason for refusing to put down the phone and drive is that, well..., I can't be out of contact with the world for a second.

I shouldn't need to remind you readers how important I

How It Is



by Chad Martin

From the Mailbox

Reader defends First Lady from editor's criticism

This letter is in response to the editorial written about Mrs. Bush by Charles Beatley. I am getting tired of reading all this whining by Mr. Beatley. George W. Bush won: GET OVER IT!

There are a few points I do want to make about Mrs. Bush. First, the main reason Mrs. Bush was in Texas instead of Washington D.C. was because she attended a funeral in El Paso. She had a friend who died and she wanted to pay her last respects.

Secondly, Mrs. Bush has been the first lady for only a few weeks. She did not have 2 1/2 months of transition like most first ladies have.

You have to remember the election was not decided until over a month after election night. It takes time to get organized into a new home.

Lastly, Mrs. Bush has a great record in Texas in helping children learn to read. She has organized many head start programs., which help children learn to read. Mrs. Bush also has helped tutor children in reading and helped organize book clubs.

Mr. Beatley, teaching children to read is not lame. Give Mrs. Bush some time and she will do great things. I don't remember hearing much about Mrs. Clinton until well into President Clinton's presidency.

You need to base your research on a little more than one news program before you try to criticize someone, especially the First Lady.

—Andrew Armstrong

From the Mailbox

"Pledge" issues arise

My name is Kammy Goodwin. I was initiated into Kappa Kappa Psi in the fall of 1996. I am very disappointed with the article that was printed about my fraternity in the Feb. 14, 2001 issue of "Southwestern."

I found the article extremely offensive. Mainly the letter was full of inaccurate quotes.

Our fraternity has a strict policy on hazing. We do not use the word "Pledge." "Pledge," is considered hazing by our chapter and our National Headquarters. Instead of "Pledge," we use the term Membership Candidate, Probationary Member, or Initiate, but never "Pledge."

You also tried to quote me, saying that I did not use my name. Although I am extremely thankful that you didn't put my name down by what you wrote, I would have gladly given you my name.

"When I pledge, I went through hazing," the member said. "I think that everyone should have to go through what I did."

What I actually said was "I was hazed, and I don't think any one should go through that." Also, there are some of Kevin's quotes next to other member's names. I may not be a journalism major, but I do know that there is something ethically wrong with that.

Another incorrect comment that was made was not at the fault of Ms. Cambell, but I would like to take this time to correct it. Kappa Kappa Psi is a co-ed fraternity and we do call all of our members brother, even the female members. However, our sister organization, Tau Beta Sigma, does not. They are also a co-ed organization, but they call themselves both brothers and sisters.

--Kammy R. Goodwin

am. If I were to miss a call, the world could pay dearly. In the end, this would most certainly snowball into nothing less than complete and utter destruction. I don't see how anyone would want to be responsible for all of that.

I was discussing this issue in a conference call with some good friends the other day (and yes, I proudly say we were all driving during the call). We all agreed that we car-talkers were quickly becoming an oppressed group. We fantasized about a world where we could all speed around in our cars, merrily enjoying our cell phones, discussing life, love, art and new recipes.

We were suddenly taken out of our day-dream when one of my friends hit the side of a Hostess delivery truck. We all said a prayer together over the phone, knowing that she would be faulted for the carelessness of a dumb man delivering Twinkies and Ho-Hos (like that's not a distraction!)

My other friend was so upset that she started weeping, and accidentally drove through Mean's Park, scattering family picnics and sending little squirrels scurrying for their nuts. Of course they will all blame her!

Yes, we driving cell phone lovers are headed into a time of darkness as our days are, without a doubt, numbered.

From the Mailbox

Chi Alpha to present Women's Expo 2001 on March 6

They all do it; from Oprah to Maury Povich and even the lady with the funny red glasses, you know, those makeover shows. You take a person with an out of date hairstyle and not so much fashion sense and you send them to the experts. They transform the lowly stepsister into Cinderella, the beauty who steals the heart of her prince. All of this is a well thought out ploy to show the latest trends in fashion, hair, and makeup. Well, we thought if they can do it, why can't we? In the true spirit of this attack by Hollywood on our pocketbooks, Chi Alpha presents Women's Expo 2001.

On March 6, area merchants who service women will set up booths in the Ballroom at the Student Union from 12:00-5:00pm. It will be your opportunity to see their spring line, register for prizes, and there's a rumor one merchant will be offering free massages. From 5:00-6:00pm, a radio personality from The Rock 94.3 will host the makeover show. Three student volunteers will receive a makeover. Hair, clothing, and makeup specialists will discuss the upcoming spring trends during this show. Chi Alpha felt this would be unique way to serve the women of Southwestern and would like to invite woman of all ages to come and be a part of this exciting and new event. The event runs from 12:00-6:00pm on March 6 in the Ballroom of the Student Union. We hope to see you there.

Women's Expo Committee
Heather Koll

From the Mailbox

Reader responds to letter in previous issue of The Southwestern

To the Editor,

I would like to take the time to responds to the letter from DR. Paulette Woods and the articles about the new athletic complex and the observatory.

I would like to start by saying that I have a lot of respect for DR. Woods, however, I do not agree with some of things that she stated in her letter to the editor last week. Dr. Woods state that, "There are a number of a Federal holiday's for which SWOSU does not cancel classes-President's Day, Veterans' Day, Columbus are among them."

First Columbus Day is not celebrated as it was in the past. Columbus did not discover America and the Native Americans fought long and hard to get this day from being observed as a National holiday.

Secondly Dr. Woods stated, "There are a required number of days of class attendance mandated by the state of Oklahoma and universities must meet those mandated. If the university were to dismiss classes doing a day during spring semester, we would have to begin the semester a day earlier. Go a day later in May, or lose a day of Spring Break. While it is true that President Hibler and I did consider a resolution brought forth by the Student Government Association; it was denied after discussion with the campus deans as well as the other vice presidents."

To start, why can we not take one of the days that we are out for in the fall semester and used that day during the spring semester. I do believe that this would solve meeting the mandated days we have to attend classes. I guess that the opinion of the student body does not matter to the Administration.

I truly thought that we as the students on this campus were to have a voice on certain amendments to be added to the school constitution that is the reason why we have SGA. If we have no such voice then why have a Student Government Association on campus.

Now I would like to ask the Administration something. It seems that they are down-sizing various programs on campus because of the lack of funds, but there are plans to build a new athletic complex, a new clock tower, and a new observatory for the school. Don't get me wrong. I feel that these are things that the university need. However, I feel that we need various degree programs that they have down size too. I wonder with it would be a better idea to keep these programs and invested in them to make them stronger before we move to building new builds.

--Donisha Shatazz Childs

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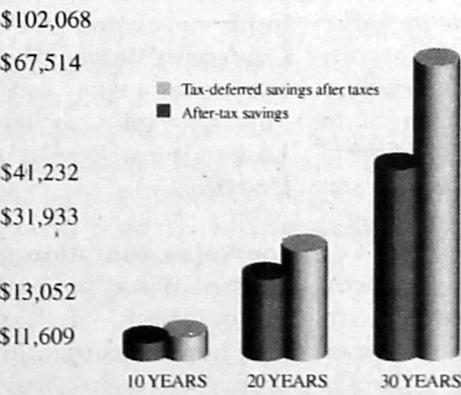
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OTE Makes a Difference

By MELANIE CAMPBELL/FEATURES EDITOR

When student Paul Cannings came to Weatherford two years ago, he noticed that the Southwestern campus was lacking something that many other universities enjoyed—Greek life.

With the support of Paulette Woods and Dean Prabu Villa, Canning founded his own social fraternity, Omgea Theta Epsilon.

In the spring semester of 2000, people started to hear about OTE after its participation in Relay for Life.

"We are making a difference at Southwestern," Canning said. "We even had an article about us in the Weatherford Daily News."

Other events OTE members participated in were the making of homecoming, Bulldogs v. UCO T-shirts, Special Olympics, and special events at the Dawg House.

"We would like to start a Greek Day and Greek Games

in the future," Canning said.

Although OTE is involved in community service and fund raising for the school, one of the fraternity's main objectives is to help people graduate.

"We

require

that

students

have a

certain

G.P.A. in

order to be

a

member,"

Canning

said. "We

hope it will

give people a

reason to do

well in school

until they

graduate."

OTE is taking steps to make sure that its members have the ability to maintain a high GPA.

"It takes discipline to have a good G.P.A.," Canning said.

"This is one of the reasons we have asked for our own floor."

OTE is in the progress of

obtaining a floor in a dormitory that will only house OTE members. Canning feels that everything will work out fine.

"We have shown that we are effective on this campus," Canning said.

"We have

proven

ourselves to the

present

administration

and we know

we can do the

same for the

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administration."

OTE is now

being sponsored

by Nabors, Butchers, and

Rouben Tourian. In the

future, they hope to be a

national chapter like their

sister sorority, Sigma Sigma

Chi.

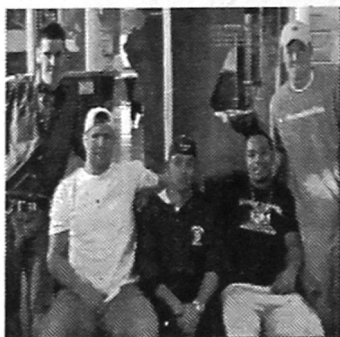
"We are still building a

foundation," Canning said.

"One day we would like to be

recognized and supported as

a national chapter."



Fear of the Unknown

By LISSI OLIVER/NEWS REPORTER

Editor's Note: Lissi Oliver is a senior mass communications major from Lawton. This is her personal story of beating cancer.

Have you ever woken up with a football or baseball sticking outside of your stomach?

Noticeable for me to see, but not obvious enough to anyone else. At first I was like, "What could this lump be?"

I figured it was not anything too serious, so like any other day I continued to get ready in the bathroom. Later that evening I decided to tell my mother in case it was something serious.

I told my mom, and she suggested we set up a doctor's appointment. A week went by and I went to visit the doctor.

He did a regular check up, and had me lie down. He noticed the lump in my stomach, and issued for me to have an ultrasound. When the results came back, the news was negative. T

he doctors said two tumors had developed in my stomach; one being the size of a football, the other the size of a baseball. Within one week I had to go through vigorous blood testing and exams. I also had to get set up for major surgery in one week. All I could do was think of the worst, and not the positive.

That leads me back to when I was fifteen years old and was diagnosed with kidney problems.

The doctor I was going to

said that I had growth spurs on my kidneys, would have to be on various medications all my life, and would have to come in for three month check-ups to see how my kidneys were doing.

Even though I started seeing this doctor for two years, my symptoms of headaches, sleepiness, and exhaustion still occurred. I was involved in my high school dance team and after every game I would be out of school for one day because my body was tired.

The doctor would tell my mom it was the medication I was on and that he would try to reduce the dosage. That still did not work, and my mother was getting extremely worried. She decided to get a second opinion.

When I finally saw the new doctor, he not only detected what was wrong with me, but also delivered the news that I had perfectly healthy kidneys. To my mother's and my rage, we could not believe what we were hearing. The doctor told us the tumors could have been growing inside of me for at least two years without me realizing it until now. I was so angry, but at the same time scared. I did not know all the steps I would have to take to prepare myself for the journey I was going to have to endure.

After all the blood testing was completed, I had to check into the hospital for major surgery. When the day came for me to have surgery, I was scared to death. I never thought I would be checked



out of school to have a major partial hysterectomy done to me. Nobody ever thinks something is wrong with them until one day you get slapped in the face and the "unknown fear" of something is caused.

My surgery went well, and I was in the hospital when the doctor came in and told me, "Lissi, I am so glad we caught those tumors in time because you had 95% chance of them bursting. Then you would have internally bled to death."

I was out of school for 2 months, but returned in time for the senior prom and graduation. I had to go through vigorous therapy to get my mind set back to moving my body and being able to function again. It was extremely hard, but I pushed it everyday.

It has now been four years, and I still have to go for my annual check ups to make sure everything is okay physically.

I am still holding strong and praying to God to make sure I have good health. Now look at me. I am healthy and revving to go. I am 21 years old and will soon graduate from college.

Students pick the Oscars

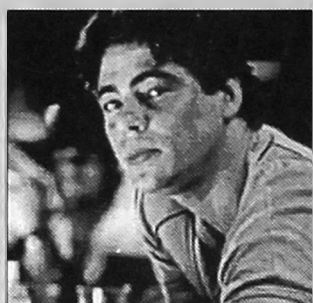
By MYLISSA SEIFRIED/STAFF REPORTER AND SAM NEARING/NEWS REPORTER



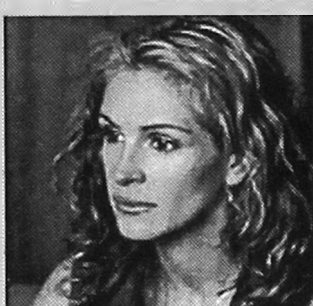
Russell Crowe, "Gladiator"



Tom Hanks, "Cast Away"



Benicio Del Toro, "Traffic"



Julia Roberts, "Erin Brockovich"



Kate Hudson, "Almost Famous"

Oscar night is soon approaching. Predictions are being made and fashion victims will soon become known. On March 25, some lucky winners will be thanking the academy while other nominees will be thanking Jim Beam for washing away their tears.

The 73rd annual Academy Awards, hosted by Steve Martin, will be broadcast on ABC.

While Oscar buzz is in full swing, Sam Nearing and I have boldly made some predictions. Drum roll please, and the nominees are:

For **Best Leading Actor**, the nominees are: Javier Bardem for "Before Night Falls," Russell Crowe for "Gladiator," Tom Hanks for "Cast Away," Ed Harris for "Pollock" and Geoffrey Rush for "Quills." And the Academy goes to...

Sam: Tom Hanks for "Cast Away." It is eerie how a man could talk to a volleyball for so long.

Myliissa: Russell Crowe for "Gladiator." I am only basing this on attractiveness.

For **Best Supporting Actor**, the nominees are: Jeff Bridges for "The Contender," Willem Dafoe for "Shadow Of The Vampire," Benicio Del Toro for "Traffic," Albert Finney for "Erin Brockovich" and Joaquin Phoenix for "Gladiator." And the Academy goes to...

Sam: Benicio Del Toro for "Traffic." Living in Weatherford, it easy to relate to.

Myliissa: I agree with Sam but not for the same reasons.

For **Best Leading Actress**, the nominees are Joan Allen for "The Contender," Juliette Binoche for "Chocolat," Ellen Burstyn for "Requiem For A Dream," Laura Linney for "You Can Count On Me" and Julia Roberts for "Erin Brockovich." And the winner is...

Sam: Julia Roberts for "Erin Brockovich." I haven't seen the movie, but she was a prostitute once.

Myliissa: My vote is for Julia. She and her breasts did a great job in this movie.

For **Best Supporting Actress**, the nominees are: Judi Dench for "Chocolat," Marcia Gay Harden for "Pollock," Kate Hudson for "Almost Famous," Frances McDormand for "Almost Famous" and Julie Walters for "Billy Elliot." And the winner is...

Sam: Marcia Gay Harden because she has three names.

Myliissa: Kate Hudson because everyone else sucks in this category.

For the coveted **Best Picture** award, the nominees are: "Chocolat," "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," "Erin Brockovich," "Gladiator" and "Traffic." The Academy Award goes to...

Sam: "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," but I want "Traffic" to win.

Myliissa: "Gladiator" once again, because Russell Crowe is really attractive.

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Should cellular phones be banned from classrooms and the library?



Kaletha Posey
Freshman
Chickasha

"Yes because it is very disruptive to the class and to the students in the library."



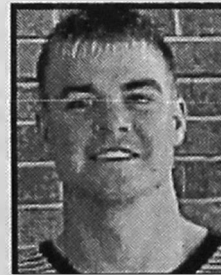
Jason Padgett
Freshman
Moore

"Yes. I think it is distracting to the professors and to the students. They don't belong in the classroom or the library."



Jerrod Drinnon
Freshman
Seiling

"No. People need their phones for emergencies. They just turn them down really low."



Travis Lawter
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"No. People have emergencies and you can keep your phone on vibrator."

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Baseball records win against powerhouse OCU

The Southwestern Oklahoma men's baseball team bounced back from a two-game sweep in their opening weekend, taking a pair of games from NAIA powerhouse Oklahoma City University, 10-9 and 4-1, in non-conference action Tuesday, Feb. 20 at OCU's Sutton Field.

Led by a 4 for 4, three RBI performance by Shawn Spruiell (RS-Fr., 6-0, Duncan) and a 3 for 3, three run day by center fielder Larry Fournier (Sr., 5-4, Tulsa), the Bulldogs were able to posted a 10-9 victory over the Stars in game one. SWOSU took advantage of four OCU errors, exploding for six runs in the third inning en route to the victory.

Derek DeV Vaughan (Sr., 6-5, Binger) picked up the win in his first outing as a Bulldog, scattering 13 hits over six and one-third of an inning. Kip Peck (Jr., 5-11, Ft. Cobb) earned his first save as a Bulldog, forcing the final out of the game.

In game two Monty Mayfield (So., 6-3, Sayre) put together an impressive complete game win, holding the Stars to only five hits and one run. Mayfield allowed only three walks while striking out five batters. Right fielder John Callison (Sr., 6-2, Yukon) knocked in two runs for the Bulldogs, while catcher Bart Pascher (Sr., 6-1, Weatherford) picked up one RBI, as the Bulldogs plated three runs in the top of the sixth inning to open up a 4-0 lead.

OCU added a single run in the bottom of the seventh, but it was too little too late as Southwestern evened up its season record at 2-2.

Softball defeats SNU in season opener

The women's softball team kicked off the 2001 season on the right foot, splitting a doubleheader with Southern Nazarene in non-conference action on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Dean Rader Park.

In game one Southwestern gained a one-run advantage in the bottom of the third inning after a Lauren Brown (Fr., 5-8, Oklahoma City) double plated April Beard (So., 5-7, Denver, CO).

In the top of the fifth, SNU capitalized on three hits and a SWOSU error to push three runs across the plate, giving the Crimson Storm a two-run lead. In the top of the fourth Southern Nazarene added a single run to bring their lead to 5-2.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, SWOSU was given the gift of two base runners as SNU's Stacy Snell walked consecutive batters. After two pinch runners were entered into the game, Southwestern catcher Julie Thomas (So., 5-6, Edmond) notched two RBI's with a bloop single to right field, bringing the Lady Bulldogs to within one run of SNU.

After a wild pitch, walk and a passed ball, Southwestern found themselves on the brink of a victory with two runners in scoring position and Kelly Fitzpatrick (Fr., 5-7, Oklahoma City) at the plate. Fitzpatrick pounded a shot to second before the SNU second baseman threw it away, allowing SWOSU to score the tying and game-winning runs.

The Lady Bulldogs were able to score four runs with only one hit, giving SWOSU a 6-5 win, the first opening season win in the program's school history.

Athletic travel safe at Southwestern

By ALANNA BRADLEY/SPORTS EDITOR

Due to several recent accidents involving team travel, questions have raised as to how universities across the state safeguard against untimely tragedies such as the recent OSU plane crash this basketball season.

As for Southwestern, the majority of athletic teams take 15-passenger vans, which is the travel method of choice due to economic factors and timeliness.

As far as maintenance goes, Southwestern ranks at the top.

Jim Loomis, physical plant director and men's soccer coach, said that every van that reaches the 50,000 mile mark gets all new rubber, which includes new tires, fan belts, and hoses.

"This is a policy we follow to insure the safety of our student/athletes," said Loomis. "We call this

preventive maintenance."

The team coach or the graduate assistant drive the vans, but anyone who is employed by the university and has a valid driver's license may take over the wheel in an unusual circumstance.

"We make it a strict rule that all drivers obey traffic laws," said Cecil Perkins, athletic director. "They must drive safely because they are carrying lives with them."

Although vans are generally the travel method, Southwestern also owns a bus that is taken by the men's soccer team on occasion. The driver of the bus must obtain a CDL driver's license.

In order for a team to gain use of the vans, the coach must submit a travel request form to the athletic director, who approves then sends the request on to Loomis who assigns the vans. If the request

is out of state, the president must also approve.

Southwestern's record among travel incidents is close to perfect, with no cases of vans not returning safely with passengers.

"This is something we pride ourselves of," said Loomis.

All travel and maintenance is insured by the state due to the school being a public institution.

When is travel considered unsafe? Perkins said that before departure, if the weather is bad, they keep in touch with a local authorities to check road conditions. If travel is determined to be too risky, they will postpone or cancel any potentially dangerous travel.

As coaches, both Loomis and Perkins expressed concern over recent incidents with team travel.

Recent athletic travel incidents:

OSU Plane crashes due to mechanical problems killing all 10 onboard.

Florida State baseball team has wreck after driver suffers heart attack. One fatality.

Emporia State baseball team rolls van outside of El Reno after playing SWOSU. No fatalities.

"It's something you've got to keep in mind when carrying student/athletes," said Loomis.

"Not only are you carrying athletes but you also carrying other people's children."

Deckard and Glover are pro football prospects

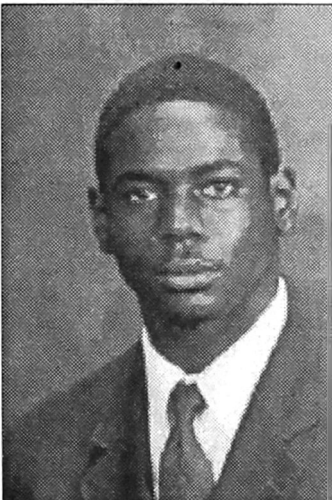
By LANCE BUKY/STAFF REPORTER

Southwestern football is representing two NFL prospects for this year's draft Cecil Deckard and Shevon Glover. Both will participate in a Pro Day workout next month.

Both players are coming off outstanding seasons, with Deckard and Glover both being named 1st team all LoneStar Conference players of the year for defense and offense respectfully. Deckard was also named All West first team and defensive back of the year for the LSC North Division.

After last season, Glover broke a record at Southwestern for the most receptions in one game with nine. While at Southwestern Deckard accumulated 14 interceptions, 25 tackles and 4 pass break-ups in two years.

This past month, both players were chosen to showcase their talent for over fifty scouts at the Cactus Bowl in Kingsville,



Cecil Deckard



Shevon Glover

Texas. Glover displayed his talent with a diving catch seconds before the end of the first half for a touchdown. Deckard played a textbook corner, allowing zero receptions by his receiver.

The NFL draft is slated for April 22 and 23, and Deckard is expected to go in either the fourth or fifth round.

In March, Deckard will go to a Pro day where he will go through various testing.

Deckard's name has been passed along to all of the NFL teams. Through the pro workout day he may have a better idea of which team he may spend his career with, said Deckard.

Glover will also have the opportunity for the Pro Day workout and maybe some league combines. With all the leagues out there today, any team could benefit from a player like Glover and Deckard to fill the lineup.

Both players are looking forward to their testing and their futures in the pros.

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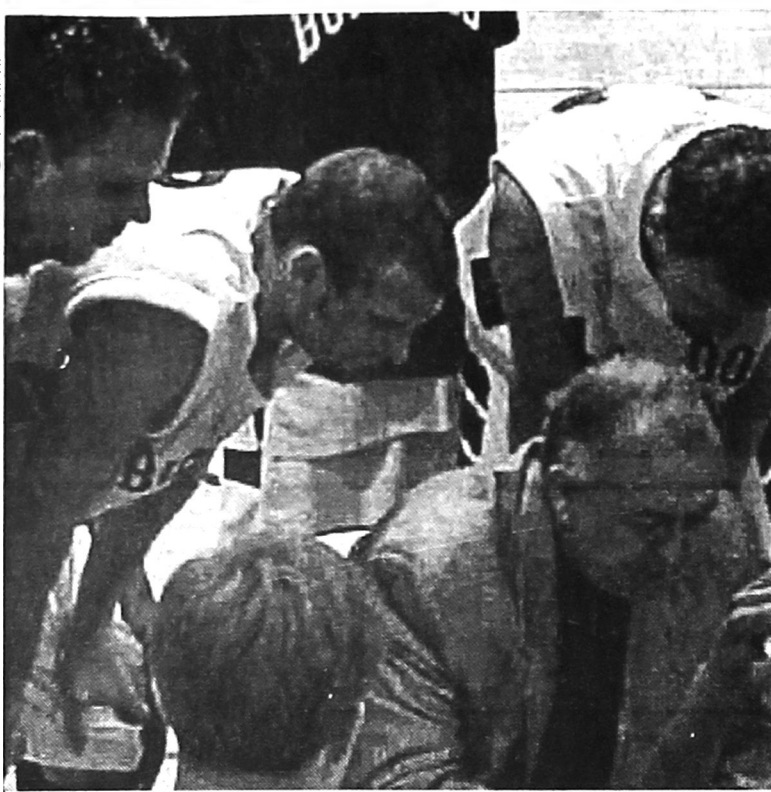
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Coach George Hauser takes a time out with team to go over strategy. Despite a three-pointer by Kevin Ritter to put the game into overtime, the Bulldogs couldn't hold off UCO.

OT loss ends playoff hopes

By DUSTIN KURTZ/STAFF REPORTER

The Central Oklahoma Broncos rallied past the Southwestern Oklahoma State Bulldogs Thursday night with a 94-87 overtime victory inside Rankin Williams Fieldhouse.

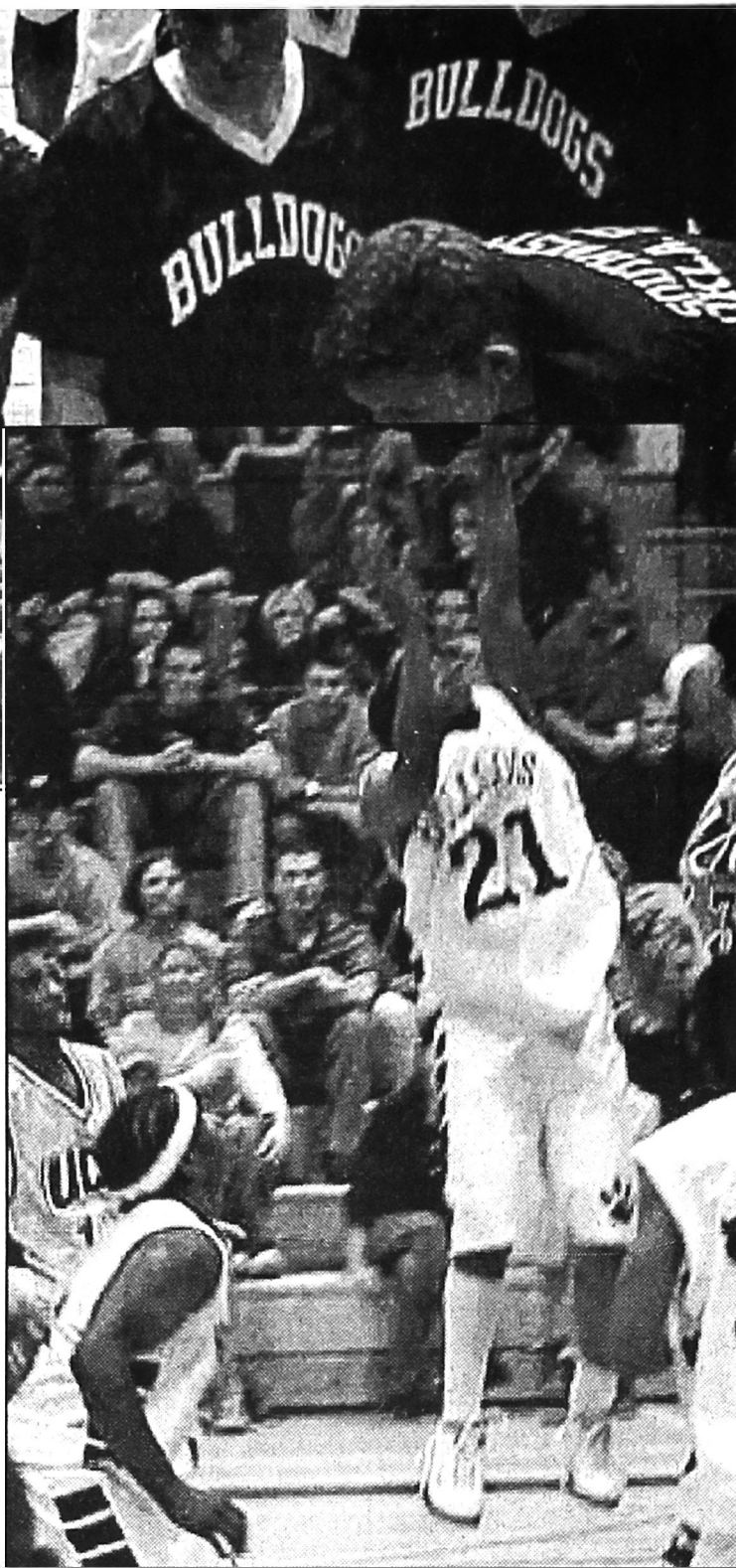
The Broncos avenged an earlier home loss to the Bulldogs with the help of the nation's leading scorer Marlon Dawson and his 27 points.

In the first half the Broncos and Bulldogs went back and forth trading baskets and the lead. At intermission Central led 39-38 despite Southwestern making an impressive 7-16 from three-point range.

The second half played out the same way until Southwestern pulled ahead 51-46 with 15:19 remaining in the game.

Back came UCO though, scoring seven straight points to regain the lead at 53-51. The Broncos extended their lead to 70-62, the widest margin of the game, with only 6:58 to play in the game.

Southwestern made a late charge. Led by Milan Pepper, the Bulldogs cut the UCO lead to 82-79. With only seconds remaining, Kevin Ritter, with ice in his veins, drained a clutch three-pointer that tied the



Donzell Hayes goes up for a shot.

game at 82-82 sending it into overtime.

Leading the Bulldogs in scoring was Ritter, who attempted a school-record 21 three-pointers and made nine of them, giving him 27 point. Pepper scored 22 points and tied Chris Beech with a team high eight rebounds. Andre Jackson also reached double figures scoring 11 points.

Donzell Hayes added nine points, Tim Ray and Chucky Dale each scored eight and Matt Donley had two points.

In overtime Southwestern never led. Pepper scored two points and Hayes made a three, but fell short as Keith Felton sealed the victory for the Broncos with a lay in that made the score 94-87.

The loss for Southwestern ended any playoff hopes.

Women finish season with impressive win

By PATRICK EMMERSON/STAFF REPORTER

Southwestern's women's basketball team finished its first season under coach Shelly Pond with a big win Thursday over rival Central Oklahoma, 61-58.

The Lady Bulldogs started the game on fire with a 12-2 run over the Lady Broncos.

A media time-out at the 13:58 mark gave the Lady Broncos time to gather themselves. Ami Guffi sank three three-point shots to bring the Lady Broncos to within one point of the Lady Bulldogs.

Pond had seen enough and called a time-out at the 10-minute mark. This sparked another run by the Lady Bulldogs, but the Lady Broncos answered and tied the game at 19 with eight minutes to go. A three-point shot by Andrea Mauldin gave Southwestern the lead at 1:50 left in the first half.

However, poor passing lead to 10 turnovers in the first half and the Lady Bulldogs found themselves down by two points at halftime, 28-26.

In the first half, Southwestern was 12-27 from field for 44 percent and 2-5 for 44 percent from three-point land. The Lady Broncos were 12-31 for 38 percent from the field and 4-11 from three-point range for 36 percent. Neither team shot from the free throw line in the first half.

To start the second half, Mauldin made a drive in the paint to tie the game for the Lady Bulldogs.

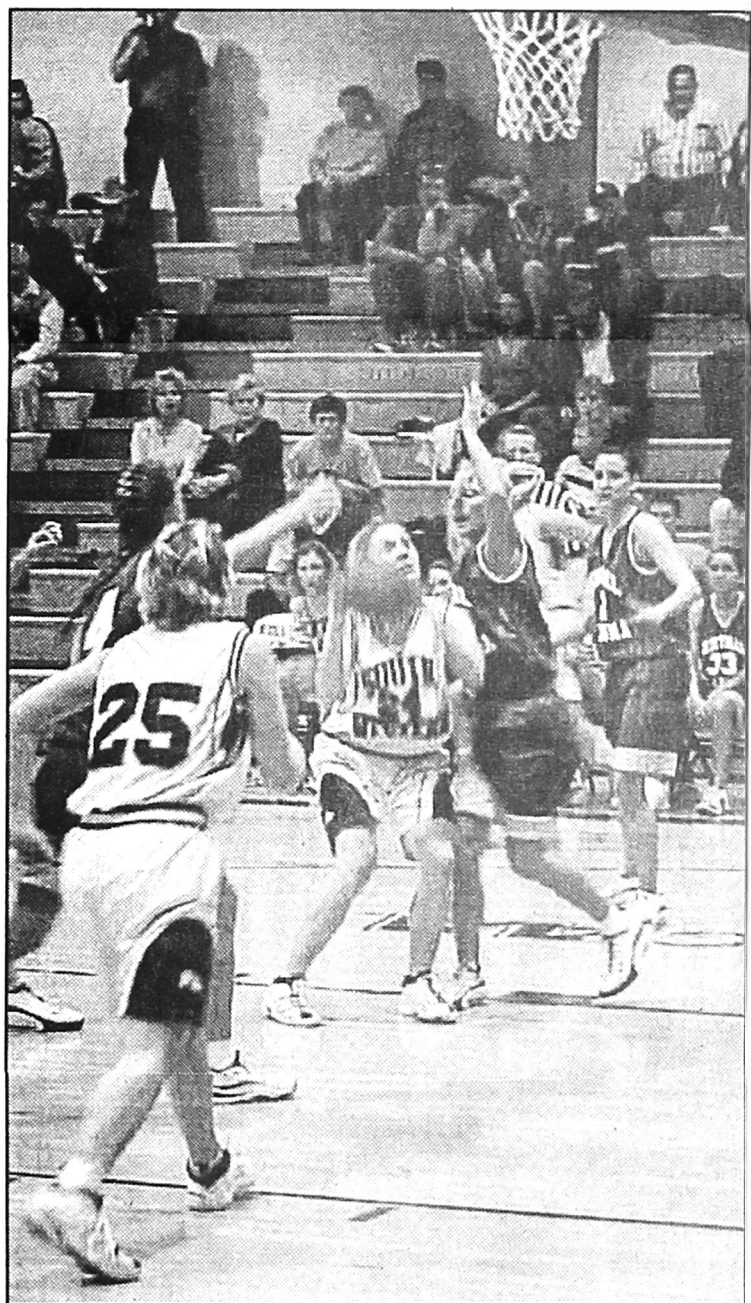
Yet, the Lady Broncos came out shooting in the second half and built a five-point lead.

Southwestern fought back with inside play of Ashlee Hamar to a 40-40 tie with 10:23 left in the game.

The game seesawed back and forth, but with a steal by Roxie Camden and the assist to Chezelle Griffith for the lay-up, Southwestern took a one-point lead. This showed to be the spark Southwestern needed.

Hamar sank four free throws in the last 17.7 seconds to clinch the 61-58 win over the Lady Broncos.

Final stats were Southwestern shooting 27-53 for 53 percent from the field, 3-9 for 25 percent from three-point land and 4-6 for 66 percent from the line. The leading scorer was Hamar with 16 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals. Griffith had 12 points, 10 rebounds, one block and two steals. Mauldin also had 12 points. Senior Amy Moran was 4-8 from the field and had eight points.



Ashlee Hamar battles for a shot Thursday against Central Oklahoma. Despite being outsized, Southwestern won, 61-58.

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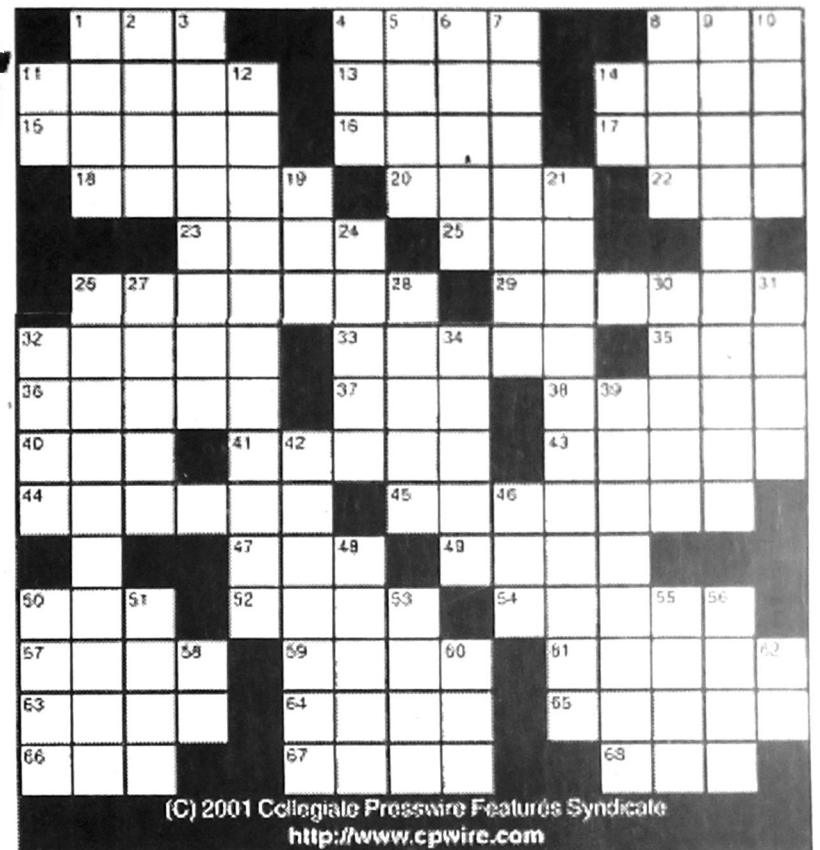
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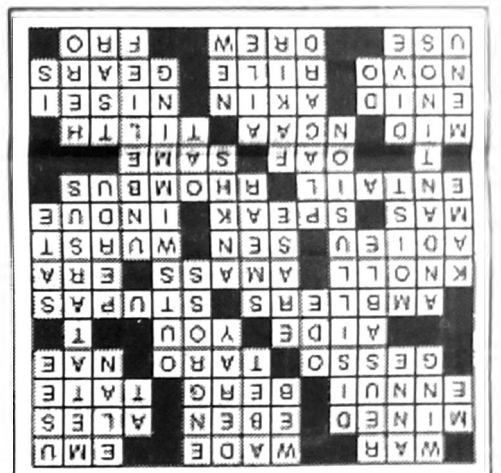
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3. Ratle
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13. Hebrew name
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16. WPGA golfer Palty
17. "Little Man ___" movie
18. Plaster and glue
20. Polynesian root
22. Scottish "no"
23. Hospital helper
25. Nominative case pronoun
26. Siroters
29. Buddhist memorials
32. Grassy hilltop
33. Gather
35. Proposed 27th Amendment
36. Pierre says bye-bye
37. Brunei coin
38. Sausage
40. More for Miguel
41. Command to Fido
43. Assume
44. Predetermined succession order
45. Equilateral parallelogram
47. Dolt
49. Identical
50. Word before point or year
52. Collegiate sports group
54. Cultivated land
57. Oklahoma city
59. Related to
61. Japanese American
63. De ___ (Latin: "Anew")
64. Provoke
65. Spar lines & tackles
66. Function
67. Composed a picture
68. To and ___

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1. Pinion
2. Boyen's name
3. Not disposable
4. Spider nest
5. Encourage
6. Get rid of lasers
7. Rapi
8. Panache
9. Foot bone
10. One who is taken advantage of
11. Objective case pronoun
12. Deprived of a conviction
14. Preposition
19. Poetic form
21. What they are doing at the pool
24. Rub out
26. Slightly faster (music)
27. Damp and dewy
28. Defame
30. Invisible
31. Indulge
32. Glacial ice melt
34. Egyptian symbols
39. Skepticism
42. A pocket's sign
46. Horse food



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48. Muslim ascetic
50. List of takeouts
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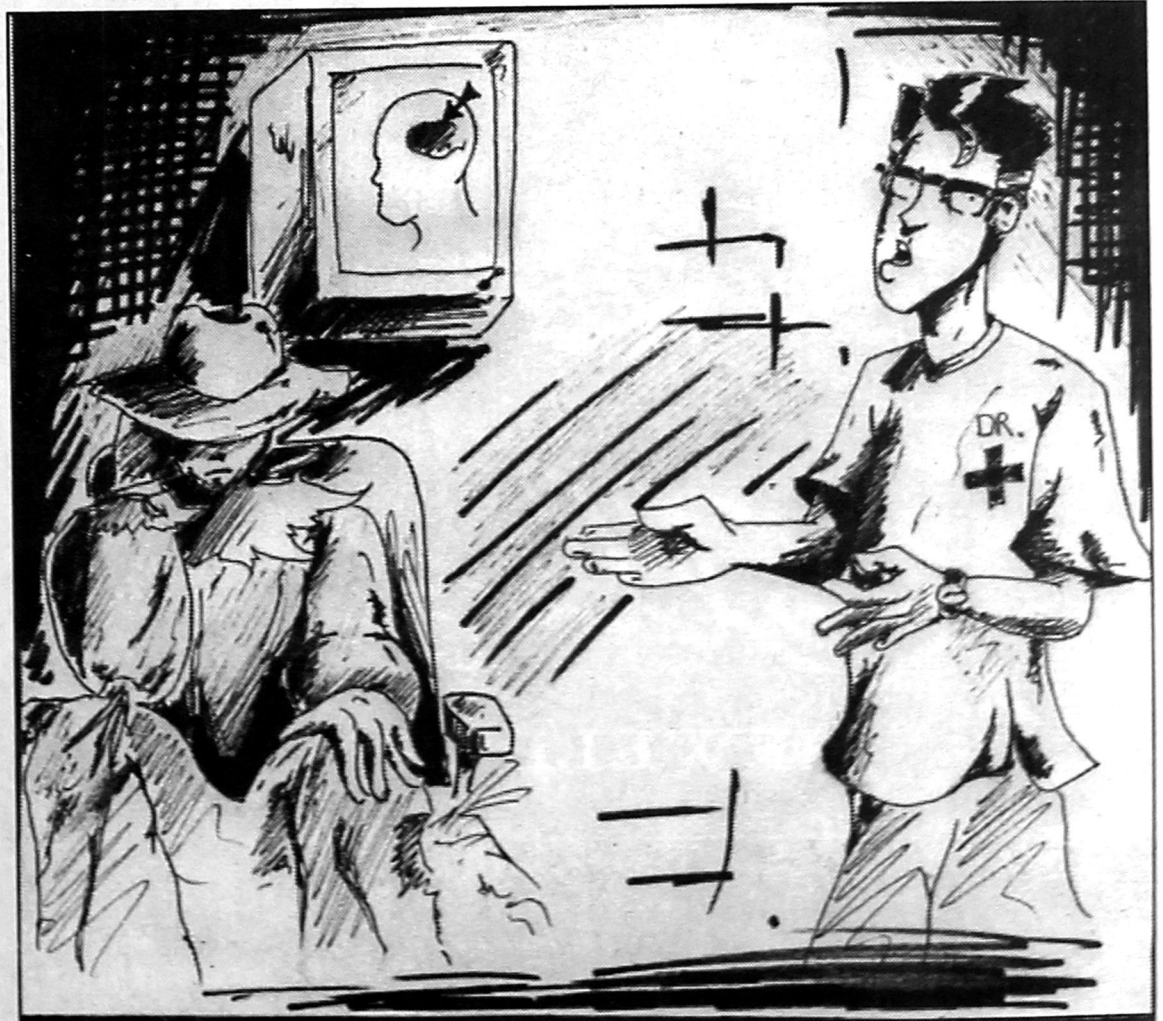
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Mar. 5--Niki Taylor (1975)
Mar. 6--Shaquille O'Neal (1972)



Shaquille O'Neal

by Steve Gillbert



FWD: Golf balls...for real this time

A golfer whose car broke down flagged down a passing bus and got aboard. He sat down on the bus, with his pockets full of golf balls, next to a little old lady. The little old lady kept looking quizzically at him and his bulging pockets. Finally, after many such glances from her he said, "It's golf balls." The little old lady continued to look at him thoughtfully and finally said, "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

An embarrassing moment for a lady golfer

I was at the golf store comparing different kinds of golf balls. I was unhappy with the women's type I had been using. After browsing for several minutes, I was approached by one of the good-looking gentlemen who works at the store. He asked if he could help me. Without thinking, I looked at him and said, "I think I like playing with men's balls."